

House Resolution 1350

By: Representatives Coan of the 101st and Heard of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mr. Mahlon Burson and commending his more than 26 years of dedicated
2 public service; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, 79-year-old Mr. Mahlon Burson is the longest-serving city councilman in
4 Lawrenceville, Georgia's history, having had a prolific 26 year career in public service,
5 during which he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Burson has witnessed firsthand the changes and challenges the City of
8 Lawrenceville has experienced since he became involved in public service as a first-time
9 member of the city council in 1979 after his formidable campaign which reportedly consisted
10 of knocking on two doors; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Burson never shied away from tackling different projects or from taking
12 a hands-on approach, even going out in rainstorms and shining his flashlight though the city's
13 sewer pipes to find the source of leaks and crawling through the pipes himself if others were
14 too scared to, making the last of such trips just six months ago; and

15 WHEREAS, having climbed poles for BellSouth for years and opened two side businesses,
16 Burson's Used Cars and Burson's Tire Company, this World War II Army veteran
17 exemplifies the American ideals of hard work, taking advantage of opportunities, and staying
18 true to your values; and

19 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
20 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and, by the examples he has made of his life,
21 he has made the City of Lawrenceville and the State of Georgia better places in which to live;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, he has announced his retirement and decision not to run for reelection as city
2 councilman, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of
3 this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
5 the members of this body recognize Mr. Mahlon Burson and commend his more than 26
6 years of skillful and dedicated public service to the City of Lawrenceville and its people.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Mahlon Burson.